

REMARKS

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in response to the Office Action of February 18, 2010. Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 12-17, 34-39, 41, 42, 45-56, 58, 59, 62-67 and 69-72 were pending in the application prior to the outstanding Office Action.

I. Summary of Examiner's Rejections

Claims 1-4, 6, 8, 9, 13-17, 34-37, 39, 42, 46-54, 56, 59, 63-67 and 70-72 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hutsch et al. (US 2001/0034771 hereinafter Hutsch). Claims 5, 38 and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hutsch, in view of Anuff et al. (US 2003/0056026A1 hereinafter Anuff). Claims 12, 45 and 62 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hutsch, in view of Hoffman et al (US 2003/0069766 hereinafter Hoffman).

II. Summary of Applicant's Amendment

The present Reply amends Claims 1, 3-4, 9, 12-13, 34, 36-37, 42, 45-46, 48-49, 51, 53-54, 59, 62-63 and 70-71, cancels Claims 6, 8, 39, 41, 56, 57 and 72, and adds new Claims 73-74, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration Claims 1-5, 9, 12-17, 34-38, 42, 45-55, 59, 62-67, 69-71, and 73-74.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) & 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

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Claim 1

Claim 1 has been amended to recite:

1. *(Currently Amended) An interactive tool that can configure a portal, comprising:
a first user interface operable to at least one of define and manage the portal, wherein the portal provides access to content in a virtual content repository (VCR), wherein the VCR is a hierarchical representation of a plurality of individual content repositories such that the plurality of individual content repositories appear and behave as a single content repository, and wherein the portal is associated with a plurality of*

portal components and the first user interface uses a hierarchy to manage the plurality of portal components; and

*a second user interface operable to at least one of define and manage entitlement for said plurality of portal components, wherein different portal components in said plurality of portal components can be associated with different sets of roles, and each different role in said different sets of roles can be entitled with a different set of capabilities, wherein the second user interface allows a user to select a role from a said set of roles for each said portal resource, and the second user interface further allows the user to select different entitlement capabilities from a said set of capabilities for a said role selected by the user for a said portal component; and
wherein the interactive tool runs on at least one processor.*

Hutsch discloses a network portal system that includes a web-top manager and a universal content broker system (Abstract). Hutsch further discloses that, irrespective of where a user is, a user always finds their usual work environment with the custom settings (Paragraph [01456]), and configuration server includes system configuration, policies, and/or device-specific settings, which means that various user roles with different access rights to system resources can be defined (Paragraph [0324]).

Anuff discloses a portal server that presents an HTML page that comprises a plurality of modules that are formatted in a predetermined layout (Abstract).

However, there is no indication in Hutsch and other cited references that the interface allows a user to select a role from a set of roles for each portal resource in a plurality of portal components, and the interface further allows the user to select different entitlement capabilities from a set of capabilities for the role selected by the user for the portal component.

In view of the above comments, Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1, as amended, is neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, and reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 34 and 51

The comments provided above with regard to Claim 1 are herein incorporated by reference. Claims 34 and 51 have been amended in a manner similar to Claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 34 and 51, as amended, are likewise neither anticipated by, nor obvious in view of the cited references, when considered alone or in combination. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5, 9, 12-17, 35-38, 42, 45-50, 52-55, 59, 62-67, and 69-71

Claims 2-5, 9, 12-17, and 69-71 depend from and include all of the features of Claim 1; Claims 35-38, 42, 45-50 depend from and include all of the features of Claim 34; Claims 52-55, 59, 62-67 depend from and include all of the features of Claim 51. Claims 2-5, 9, 12-17, 35-38, 42, 45-50, 52-55, 59, 62-67, and 69-71 are not addressed in detail herein. Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are allowable at least as depending from an allowable independent claim, and further in view of the amendments to the independent claims, and the comments provided above. Reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested.

IV. Additional Amendments

Claims 73-74 have been newly added by the present Reply. Subject to the approval of the Examiner, Applicant respectfully requests that new Claims 73-74 be included in the Application and considered therewith.

V. Conclusion

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

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